

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-073-C - ORDER NO. 98-512

JULY 7, 1998

IN RE: Application of AT&T Communications of the ) ORDER  
Southern States, Inc. for Amendment of its ) GRANTING  
Certificate of Public Convenience and ) FLEXIBLE  
Necessity to Authorize the Company to Offer ) REGULATORY  
and Provide Telecommunications Service, ) TREATMENT  
including Local Exchange Services, )  
throughout South Carolina. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T or the Company) for flexible regulatory treatment of its local telecommunications services comparable to that authorized for NewSouth Communications through Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. AT&T requests that the Commission approve for its local exchange services a rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels with the flexibility for adjustment below the maximum rate levels. Further, AT&T requests that its local exchange tariff filings be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within thirty (30) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in which case such filing would be suspended pending further Order of the Commission; and that any such tariff filings will be subject to the same monitoring process as similarly situated competitive local exchange carriers.

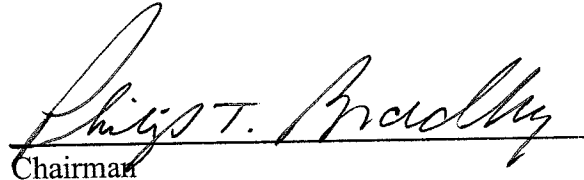
The Commission's Executive Director directed AT&T to publish, one time, in newspapers of general circulation, a Notice of Filing. The purpose of the Notice of Filing

was to inform the public of a way in which to participate in the proceeding. The Company filed an affidavit with the Commission, showing that it had complied with the directions of the Executive Director. No Protests were received.

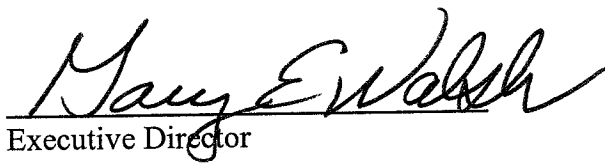
We have therefore considered the matter, and hold that AT&T may be regulated in a manner similar to that methodology granted to NewSouth Communications through Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C, as outlined above. We see no reason not to grant the requested relief.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Acting Executive Director

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